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Attachment No. 1: Four-page report, including sketch, on port installations and Soviet naval vessels at Yalta

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Attachment No. 2: Two-page report on port installations and Soviet naval vessels observed in Novorossiysk

This report also contains brief information on the condition of the piers and wharves in the port and navigational aids.

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I. Condition of the Piers and Wharves

The "Passenger" and "Oil" Piers Nos 1, 2, and 4 are out of use. The only usable ones are Passenger Pier No 3 and Wharf No 5, now designated "for oil".

The coastal pier is also partially demolished. The demolished ends of Pier No 4 are marked by two red ~~intermittent~~ ^{flashing} lights.

The oil pier has two green lights.

Most of the railroad tracks are in condition, including the one serving the oil pier.

II. Oil Pier

There are about seven loading outlets on each side of the pier, but some of them do double duty. Fuel oil can be loaded on both sides of the pier through a 6-inch outlet. The loading outlets are about 8 inches.

III. Navigation

To enter the harbor: a) ~~follow the alignment of~~ ^{take a back range on the} lights on point PENAI at 002 degrees true; b) then ~~take a back range on~~ ^{take a back range on} the three lights northeast of point DOGB at 130 degrees. There is no sounding less than 23 meters.

To leave: ~~take a back range on~~ ^{take a back range on} the light of the east ~~breakwater~~ ^{breakwater} ~~past~~ ^{past} a white building on shore bearing a red stripe in the center at

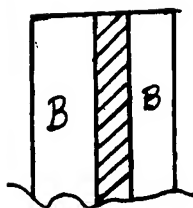
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154 degrees true until abeam of the east-west line of the red flashing buoy of ~~point~~ point Soujak. There is no sounding less than 18 meters on this course.



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Enclosed: Depth lines
~~Sounding~~ lines

IV. a) Warships in the Roadstead of Novorossisk

- one 7,000-ton cruiser
- one torpedo boat
- one torpedo boat
- one ~~torpedo~~ torpedo boat
- one destroyer (light cruiser type)

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b) In the Harbor: ~~Stern~~^{to} the Wharf Near the Lumber Dock

- two destroyers, 10 torpedo tubes

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All of the above vessels, except for the cruiser, carried ~~mines~~ ^{mine rails} on the stern.

- Many submarine chasers and patrol craft.

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V. There was no trace of degaussing on the outside of the west ~~breakwater~~ (1). Firing exercises must have been held recently (presence of towed targets in the harbor).

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B.- Four iron mine sweepers, resembling in shape the wooden fishing-boats anchored in the harbor, as well as a small auxiliary vessel, were observed outside the harbor

No other Navy vessel was observed.

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C.- The docks and the shore roads presented an exceptional traffic,

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D.- A lot of trucks and very few taxis were observed moving around in the city.

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E.- A few Navy seamen were observed, as well as some officers of the Navy, one of whom bore the rank of Lt. Commander.

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G.- Explanation of the port's drawing:

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1. Railtracks for cranes are being laid on the dock. The distance between the rail-

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tracks, was calculated to be 7 meters.

2. Floating crane busied with deepening the harbor.

3. Iron [redacted]

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4. Cranes, mounted on cars equipped with roller-tracks.

5. Cranes on railtracks.

6. Wooden dock, accomodating vessels making trips locally.

7. Two (2) Navy motor-boats, [redacted]

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8. Small vessels providing local transportation.

9. Local transportation vessels.

10. Lifeboat [redacted]

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11. Small, temporary wooden dock.

12. **Four targets on small floats.**

13. Two (2), 800-1000-ton capacity, barges.

14. Floating crane, suitable for placing blocks of stone in the sea.

15. Approx. 700-ton M/S, possibly being used by Navy.

16. Work is carried out at this point, consisting of placing blocks of stone to build a dock.

17. Light-emitting buoy.

18. Wooden fishing-boats (more than 30 in total).

19. Buildings being used as offices and warehouses.

20. This point is being used for drawing up and repairing small vessels.

21) Bridge of crane being placed in position.

22. [redacted]

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23. The Russian M/S 'UKRANIA'

24. 800-1000-ton M/S, using the port's cranes to unload sand that was, in turn, being loaded on trucks by another crane (4).

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H.- Water supplying is effected through very low-pressure hydrants(discharge pipes) found on the dock.

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I.- Six (6) small DIESEL and one steam-engined [REDACTED], tug-boats were counted in total.

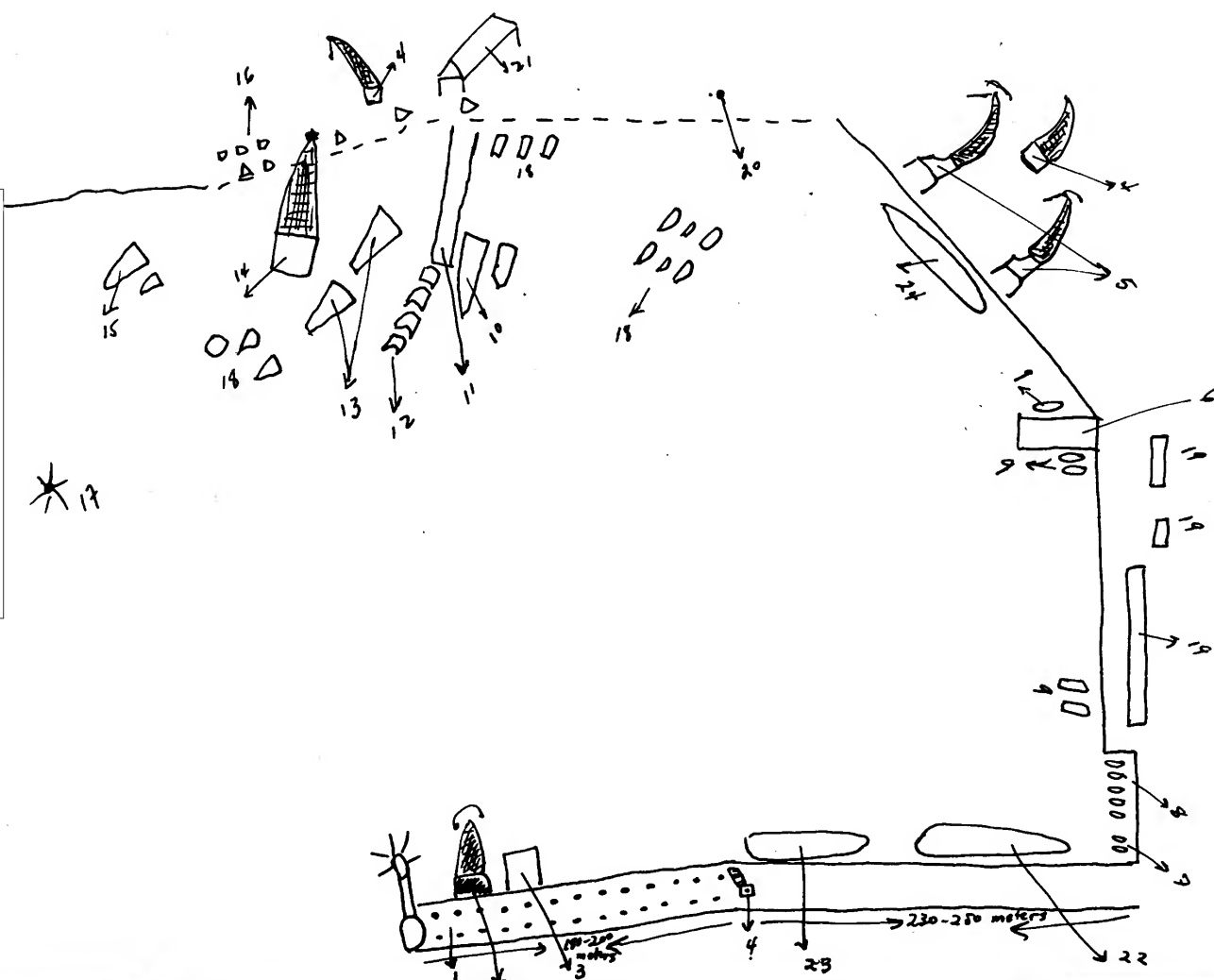
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